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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 8b has been changed to correctly identify the inner folds 105a and 105b by lengthening the pointer lines from their reference numerals to these structural elements, which lines previously ended at the permeable layers 110a and 110b. A replacement drawing sheet 8/9 incorporating the changes is included in this submission.

In Figure 4, the reference numerals 36, 37, and 37 with arrows have been added to identify the first waist region, the crotch region, and the second waist region, respectively, and thereby facilitate reference to this figure.

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REMARKS

Amendments to the Description

A paragraph on page 12 has been changed to correct a typographical error by substituting "by" for "be".

Also, a paragraph on page 18 has been changed to more clearly identify the two permeable layers 110a

and 110b corresponding to the respective barrier leg cuffs 100a and 100b. The two permeable layers

were identified by the two reference numerals in Figure 8b as originally filed, but only a generic

"permeable layer 110" was previously recited in the text of this paragraph.

Amendments to the Claims

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to correct a typographical error by replacing a comma with the

word "and". Support for this change is found throughout the Application as originally filed, including in

the Summary, the Abstract, the corresponding portions of the other independent claims, etc.

Amendments to the Drawings

As originally filed, the pointer lines from the reference numerals 105a and 105b in Figure 8b incorrectly

ended at the permeable layers 110a and 110b, rather than extending to the inner folds 105a and 105b,

with which they are correctly associated in the description on page 18 and in Figure 9b. Figure 8b has

been changed by lengthening these two pointer lines.

The reference numerals 36, 37, and 37 have been added to Figure 4 to identify the first waist region, the

crotch region, and the second waist region, respectively, and thereby facilitate reference to this figure.

It is respectfully presumed that these changes will be accepted and so replacement drawing sheets 4/9

and 8/9 incorporating the changes are attached to facilitate their immediate entry into the file.

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